



**Location** - The loop begins 80 miles southwest of Boise. It can be reached from the west through Jordan Valley, Oregon, and from the east, on Idaho 78 near Grand View, Idaho.

**Length** - 101 miles. From Boise, it is an all-day trip.

**Roadway** - Mostly one and one-half lanes of graveled road.

**When to see it** - The byway is usually impassable from late November through March because of snow. Also, precipitation can make the road treacherously slick. The best times of year to drive the byway are early summer and fall.

**Special attractions** - Photographers can't resist shooting from an overlook point above the North Fork gorge. The mahogany woodlands offer sweeping views, with the Owyhee Mountains as a backdrop.

**Camping** - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has one primitive campground, the North Fork Recreation Site, about 30 miles east of Jordan Valley.

**Services** - Limited services in Jordan Valley, Grand View and Bruneau; no services along the byway.

**Contacts** - Boise District, Bureau of Land Management: 208-384-3300.

## Owyhee Uplands Back Country Byway

Starting through hay meadows, rolling hills and the winding course of Jordan Creek, you'll soon climb into the mountains and gnarled stands of juniper woodlands. Numerous mountain ranges frame the picturesque desert, with Idaho's Owyhees rising to the north. From expanses of sagebrush and wildflowers, to rough, rock-walled rivers and streams, the Owyhee Uplands represent what many people believe the real West is all about.

